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SUBJ: CCD-WESTERN GROUP MEETING, JULY 25

SUMMARY: WESTERN GROUP REVIEWED PLANS FOR CCD MEETING WITH EXPERTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION. US REP MARTIN ALSO BRIEFED GROUP ON SOVIET PROPOSAL RE CHEMICAL WEAPONS, PER STATE 171334 NOTAL. (CW DISCUSSION REPORTED GENEVA5958). END SUMMARY.

1. FRG AND NETHERLANDS INFORMED GROUP THEY WOULD EACH HAVE TWO EXPERTS PRESENT AT ENMOD MEETING SCHEDULED TO OPEN AUGUST 4. UK AND CANADA WERE UNCERTAIN WHETHER THEY WOULD HAVE ANY EXPERTS; JAPAN WAS DOUBTFUL AND ITALY DEFINITELY WOULD NOT SEND EXPERT. NONE PLANNED TO TABLE WORKING PAPERS. MARTIN SAID US WOULD SUBMIT TECHNICAL WORKING PAPER AND POSSIBLY SECOND PAPER ON POLITICAL/LEGAL ISSUES. US EXPERTS HAD NOT YET BEEN DESIGNATED BUT WOULD PROBABLY INCLUDE OFFICIAL FROM DEPT OF COMMERCE.

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2. ROWE SAID CANADA THOUGHT ENMOD MEETING SHOULD FOCUS ON FOLLOWING ISSUES: FEASIBILITY OF VARIOUS ENMOD TECHNIQUES; DEFINITIONS OF ENMOD TERMS; SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF ENMOD PROHIBITIONS; IMPLICATIONS FOR PEACEFUL USES.

3. QUESTION OF ADMITTING UNEP AND WMO REPS TO ENMOD MEETING WAS RAISED BY ROWE. MARTIN REPLIED THAT US FAVORED ADMITTANCE OF BOTH AS OBSERVERS. HE SAID SOV DEL HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SUPPORT ADMITTANCE OF UNEP REP AND HAD INDICATED, AT DELEGATION LEVEL, THAT WMO REP WOULD ALSO BE ACCEPTABLE IF WMO SUBMITTED OFFICIAL REQUEST. UNEP HAS SUBMITTED REQUEST AND LETTER FROM WMO IS ON THE WAY. CO-CHAIRMEN ACCORDINGLY WILL REQUEST CCD INFORMAL MEETING AFTER PLENARY JULY 29 TO SEEK CONSENSUS ON ADMITTING UNEP AND WMO REPS.

4. MARTIN STRESSED US VIEW THAT UNEP AND WMO REPS SHOULD HAVE STATUS AS OBSERVERS, NOT PARTICIPATING EXPERTS, AND SHOULD RESPECT OFF-THE-RECORD NATURE OF MEETING. IN RESPONSE TO FURTHER QUERIES, MARTIN ADDED THAT WE WOULD NOT OBJECT TO WRITTEN STATEMENT OR MAKING ORAL PRESENTATION BY OBSERVERS IF THIS DESIRED BY REST OF COMMITTEE. WE WOULD HAVE PROBLEMS, HOWEVER, WITH PERMITTING OBSERVERS TO ADDRESS QUESTIONS TO EXPERTS. ROWE AND MEERBURG (NETHERLANDS) SUPPORTED VIEW THAT UNEP AND WMO REPS SHOULD HAVE OBSERVER STATUS.

5. SEVERAL MEMBERS OF GROUP REFERRED TO US-SOVIET ENMOD BILATERALS. ROWE SAID CANADA DID NOT WISH SOVIET ENMOD DRAFT TO BE ONLY ONE ON TABLE AT INFORMAL MEETING, BUT UNDERSTOOD US POSITION. SCHLAICH(FRG) ASKED WHETHER US REPP THOUGHT SOVS MIGHT TABLE NEW DRAFT WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH US, PERHAPS A DRAFT SOMEWHAT CLOSER TO US POSITION. (ASKED PRIVATELY ABOUT BASIS FOR QUESTION, SCHLAICH EXPLAINED QUESTION WAS BASED ON DISCUSSION WITH SOV REP ROSHCIN DURING VISIT HERE LAST WEEK BY FRG DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER ROTH. ROSHCIN REPORTEDLY TOLD THEM US AND SOV POSITIONS ON ENMOD WERE COMING CONFIDENTIAL

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CLOSER TOGETHER AND THAT A "SHORTER" DRAFT MIGHT BE READY IN EARLY AUGUST. ROSHCIN DID NOT REFER SPECIFICALLY TO CCD, BUT FRG REPS UNDERSTOOD HIM TO MEAN DRAFT MIGHT BE TABLED AT CCD).

6. IN RESPONSE TO SCHLAICH, MARTIN SAID HE THOUGHT SOVS WOULD NOT ACT UNILATERALLY IN VIEW OF ADVERSE IMPLICATIONS FOR BILATERAL EFFORTS ON ENMOD WHICH,

AS ALLIES KNEW, HAD REGISTERED CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS.
RESPONDING TO QUESTION ON POSSIBLE US-SOV JOINT
INITIATIVE, MARTIN SAID THAT IT IS PREMATURE TO
TALK OF TABLING DRAFT AT PRESENT STAGE.

7. MEERBURG SAID "IT WOULD BE A PITY" IF US AND
USSR SIGNED A BILATERAL ENMOD AGREEMENT. IT WOULD BE
BETTER IF THE US AND USSR TABLED JOINT DRAFT AT THE
CCD, AND IT WOULD BE EVEN BETTER IF TWO SEPARATE
DRAFTS WERE TABLED SO CCD COULD CONTRIBUTE TO RESULT.

8. US MILITARY EXPENDITURES INITIATIVE WAS RAISED
BRIEFLY. ASKED HOW SOVIS HAD REACTED TO PROPOSAL,
MARTIN REPLIED THAT ROSHCIN HAD SAID HE WOULD SEEK
INSTRUCTIONS, AND UNTIL SOVS RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS
IT WAS UNLIKELY THEY WOULD COMMENT FURTHER. DALE

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